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SUBJ: LORAN A AND C--FUTURE OPERATIONS

REFS: (A) STATE 244780 (B) NATO DOCUMENT AC/4-D/2293

BEGIN SUMMARY. SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIPT OF REF "A", NATO ISSUED REF "B" WHICH SETS FORTH ADDITIONAL FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION. SACLANT ADVISES THAT USER NATIONS HAVE STATED THEIR LONG-RANGE NAVAJD MILITARY REQUIREMENTS WILL BE MET IN THE FUTURE OF OMEGA AND/OR LORAN "C" SYSTEM REPLACING THE LORAN "A". FURTHER GUIDANCE REQUESTED IN LIGHT OF RECENTLY PUBLISHED REF "B". END SUMMARY.

1. REF A, PARA 1, ADVISES THAT QTE SACLANT HAS DECLARED THAT LORAN C IS NOT A NATO MILITARY REQUIREMENT UNQTE. SACLANT-REPEUR REMINDS US THAT SACLANT HAS STATED, QTE THERE IS NO KNOWN EXISTING OR PLANNED NATO MILITARY REQUIREMENT FOR LORAN C WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING IN THE ACLANT AREA. NATO NATIONS EMPLOYING LORAN C HAVE NOT DECLARED A REQUIREMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING AND ARE APPARENTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPLEMENTING BOTH THE LORAN C AND OMEGA LONG-RANGE NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEMS ON A UNILATERAL BASIS UNQTE.

2. SACLANT HAS STATED THAT THERE WILL NO LONGER BE A VALID

MILITARY REQUIREMENT FOR THE LORAN A SYSTEM AFTER 1975, BASED ON NATIONAL DECISIONS OF ALL USER NATIONS TO WITHDRAW FROM USE OF LORAN A BY END 1975. CURRENTLY, SACLANT EXPECTS THAT ALL DECLARED USER NATIONS WILL WITHDRAW FROM USE OF THE LORAN A SYSTEM SIMULTANEOUSLY AT END OF CALENDAR YEAR 1974. THE SACLANT MILITARY REQUIREMENT FOR LORAN A WILL CLOSE AT THE TIME DECLARED USERS HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM USE OF THE SYSTEM. THE DATE FOR SUSPENSION SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN HOST/USER NATIONS.

3. REGARDING THE MILITARY REQUIREMENT FOR A SYSTEM REPLACING THE LORAN A, SACLANT STATES THAT USER NATIONS HAVE ADVISED THAT THEIR LONG-RANGE NAVAJD REQUIREMENTS WILL BE MET IN THE FUTURE BY OMEGA AND/OR LORAN C SYSTEMS. SINCE THESE SYSTEMS ARE ADEQUATE TO MEET THE MILITARY REQUIREMENT AND ARE CONSIDERED TO BE EXISTING FACILITIES IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE SENSE, SACLANT FINDS NO REQUIREMENT TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION OF COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT OF A REPLACEMENT SYSTEM AT THIS TIME.

4. THE MOST TIME-SENSITIVE ASPECT OF LORAN A NOW APPEARS TO BE DETERMINE/CONFIRM IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, THE DECLARED USER NATION INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE TIME BY WHICH NATIONAL MILITARY REQUIREMENTS FOR LORAN A WILL CEASE (PRIMARILY FOR GUIDANCE TO HOST NATIONS). THE OTHER FIVE USER NATIONS PROBABLY ARE INFLUENCED BY THE UNITED STATES POSITION.

5. IN LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING AND REF A, REQUEST GUIDANCE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF REF B, SCHEDULED FOR MEETING OF 22 JAN 74, PARTICULARLY ON THE FOLLOWING:

A. DOES THE US CONFIRM STATEMENTS MADE IN OTHER FORUMS THAT THE US WILL NO LONGER HAVE ANY MILITARY REQUIREMENT FOR LORAN A AFTER DECEMBER 1974?

B. CAN THE US CONFIRM CIVILIAN REQUIREMENTS AS DESCRIBED BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF IN REF B, AND IF SO, HOW DOES THE US PROPOSE THOSE STATIONS INVOLVED BE CONTINUED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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